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JAPAN.

Reports from Yokohama—Sanitary conditions good—Plague in Formosa.

Assistant Surgeon Moore reports, January 29 and 30, as follows:

During the week ended January 23, 1904, bills of health were issued to three vessels having a total personnel of 228 crew and 137 passengers.

Though no official reports covering the above period have been received, this city, as well as the other principal ports of the Empire, is believed to continue in good sanitary condition. Plague still exists in Formosa, though the principal port of that island, Kelung, is said to be noninfected at present.

During the week ended January 30, 1904, two vessels having an aggregate personnel of 236 crew and 601 passengers were inspected. During the week ended January 23, cases of communicable disease were reported in Yokohama as follows: Enteric fever, 2 cases, 1 death; diphtheria, 3 cases, 1 death; dysentery, 1 case, no deaths. During the week ended January 30, 3 cases of enteric fever with no deaths and 2 cases of diphtheria with 1 death were reported. From a quarantine standpoint the sanitary condition of Japan remains good.

Immigrants for Honolulu recommended for rejection.

Number of immigrants for Honolulu per steamship *China*, January 30, for rejection, 7.

PANAMA.

Report from city of Panama—Inspection of vessels—Mortality statistics.

Assistant Surgeon Pierce reports, February 15, as follows:

During the week ended February 14 three vessels cleared, as follows: The steamship *Peru*, for San Francisco; officers and crew, 78; passengers, 17; total, 95; all well.

The auxiliary schooner *Rose Marine*, for San Francisco; officers and crew, 14; passengers, 7. This is a private yacht and was in the bay three days only.

The bark *Pass of Lenny*; officers and crew, 20. This vessel discharged her cargo into lighters in the bay.

During the week there were from all causes in the city 21 deaths.

The following are the causes given in the official records: Stillborn, 2; abscess, 1; phthisis, 3; dementia, 1; gastro-enteritis, 1; dropped dead, 1; tuberculosis, 2; bronchitis, 2; liver disease, 1; accidental fall, 1; tetanus, 1; fevers, 3; pneumonia, 1; colic, 1.

There have been no deaths from quarantinable disease since January 14, unless some of the cases diagnosed fevers are from yellow fever.

Report from Colon—Precautions against importation of plague from San Pedro, Peru.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Perry reports, February 16, as follows: Plague has appeared at San Pedro, Peru. This town is situated near Pacasmayo, a port at which vessels sailing for Panama call for cargo and passengers. The time consumed by voyage from Pacasmayo to Panama is six days.